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Top DEP Stories

Lehighvalleylive: Pennsylvania proposes monitoring for ‘forever chemicals’ in biosolids used on farms
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2026/07/pennsylvania-proposes-monitoring-for-forever-chemicals-in-biosolids-used-on-farms.html>

Mentions

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Coal Region Canary: Nuns’ Objection Pauses Reading Anthracite Land Sale to BRADS Landfill
<https://coalregioncanary.com/2026/07/10/nuns-objection-pauses-reading-anthracite-land-sale-to-brads-landfill/>

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<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/07/10/volunteers-breathe-new-life-into-historic-pumpy-reservoir/>

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/07/things-are-looking-better-at-the-landfill/>

PA Environment Digest: Delaware RiverKeeper Hosts July 23 Webinar On Changes DEP Proposes In Regulating Wastewater Biosolids To Prevent PFAS ‘Forever Chemical’ Contamination
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PA Environment Digest: DEP Invites Comments On A Chapter 105 Permit For A Seneca Resources Co 16-Inch Shale Gas Water Pipeline Running Through Farmington & Chatham Townships, Tioga County
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Climate Change

Lancaster Online: Lancaster County came together after storms. Now, elected officials must act to counter climate change

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Centre Daily Times: Commentary: Climate change's heat is baking us to death. We must act
<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/us-viewpoints/article316485381.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Standard Speaker: What Beech Leaf Disease means for our area: A crucial woodland pillar in danger
<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/07/11/what-beech-leaf-disease-means-for-our-area-a-crucial-woodland-pillar-in-danger-2/>

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Lock Haven Express: Upper Pine Bottom State Park is just off the road. That's its charm
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Data Centers

Lebtown: S. Annville authorizes solicitor to draft zoning ordinance to regulate data centers
<https://lebtown.com/2026/07/13/s-annville-authorizes-solicitor-to-draft-zoning-ordinance-to-regulate-data-centers/?lts=fr4gtsja4a>

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Energy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Rising from the coal dust: Power project development helped turn Homer City into a boom town

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2026/06/27/power-project-development-homer-city/stories/202606250001>

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<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article316483963.html>

StateCollege.com: Estate of man who died from electrocution in Centre County sues power company

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Times-Tribune: Company buys 101 acres above former Marjol Battery site for housing

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Mining

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Oil and Gas

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Vector Management

WGAL: Cumberland County to spray mosquitoes in several communities on Monday

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<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/07/10/mckean-county-reports-west-nile-virus-positive-mosquito-sample/>

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/dam-removal-flooding-water/>

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<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/schiels-family-market-reopens-after-flash-flood-cleanup/>

Ashburn Field reopens ahead of MLB All-Star Game
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<https://lebtown.com/2026/07/13/swatara-township-plans-for-residential-forest-update-data-center-ordinance/?lts=saueeakq2n>

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